MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): May I know whether the Government think that the assurance given by the Chairman in the Finance Committee is of no weight?

PRESIDENT: Even that question is not admitted.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): May I know from the Government what was the urgency for the reorganisation of the C. I. D. without consulting this House in incurring a huge amount?

RAO BAHADUR A. RENGASWAMI AIYAR (*Financial Secretary to Government*): Government considered that the matter was very urgent and it could not wait till the meeting of the legislature and so orders have had to be passed immediately.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): May I know what those particular considerations are which weighed with Government for the reorganisation of the C. I. D. all on a sudden?

RAO BAHADUR A. RENGASWAMI AIYAR (*Financial Secretary to Government*): The Police Commissioner advised that the reorganisation was absolutely and essential and urgently necessary.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): May I know on what basis the Police Commissioner made that advice?

RAO BAHADUR A. RENGASWAMI AIYAR (*Financial Secretary to Government*): I claim notice.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum—Rural*): May I know whether any sudden calamity was prevented by that authorisation?

PRESIDENT: Perhaps the contention of the Police Commissioner was that, if the Police had not been reorganised' some calamity would have happened. But because nothing had happened to say that the Police Commissioner's claim was not on proper basis, is not just.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): May I know from the Government the date on which the Police Commissioner submitted his reorganisat on scheme to Government?

PRESIDENT: That has been asked and answered. The member said he claims notice.

Land Mortgage Bank.

16 ***MR. K. MAHOMED** (*Alwaye*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they are aware of a peculiar kind of land mortgage, namely, mortgage with possession and lease-back (usufructuary mortgage) prevalent in North Travancore;

(*b*) whether loans will be given to the agricultural debtors to clear their prior debts on the security of lands mortgaged under the above-mentioned system of mortgage from the State Land Mortgage Bank;

(*c*) whether representations have been received from the agricultural debtors of North Travancore bringing to the notice of the Government the hardship created as the result of a rule of the State Land Mortgage Bank Rules in disqualifying lands mortgaged under usufructuary mortgage system as security for loans from the Bank and hence the urgent necessity of am nding that rule;

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(*d*) whether the Board of Management of the State Land Mortgage Bank has unanimously recommended to amend such a rule so as to issue loans on the security of lands mortgaged under usufructuary mortgage system ; and

(*e*) whether the Agricultural Debt Redemption Committee have recommended to the Government to consider all mortgages under usufructuary mortgage as simple mortgage and to give loans from the State Land Mortgage Bank on the security of such lands also ?

RAO BAHADUR A. RENGASWAMI AIYAR (*Financial Secretary to Government*) : The question is engaging the attention of Government.

MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*) : How long is it since this question has been engaging the attention of Government.

RAO BAHADUR A. RANGASWAMI AIYAR (*Financial Secretary to Government*) : The question is under consideration. That is what the answer says.

MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*) : May I know how long it is since the attention of Government has been drawn ?

RAO BAHADUR A. RENGASWAMI AIYAR (*Financial Secretary to Government*) : For the last two months.

MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*) : How long will it take for Government to arrive at a decision ?

PRESIDENT : He is no prophet. He has told the House that it is under consideration.

Illicit tapping in the Ettumanur Excise Range

1711. ***MR. V. K. VELAPPAN NAIR** (*Vaikam*) : (i) Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) when a special Excise party was appointed to find out and report the illicit tapping conducted on a large scale by the shop contractors in the Ettumanur Excise Range ;

(*b*) the nature of the work done by the party ;

(*c*) whether any report was submitted and

(*d*) the action taken thereon ?

(ii) Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a copy of the report ?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*) : (*a*) A special party was appointed in the 2nd half of Makaram 1110. The party worked from 18-6-1110 to 25-6-1110.

(*b*) The special party patrolled the area and detected 21 cases of illicit tapping.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) The officer found responsible for the illicit tapping was punished.

(ii) The Inspector who headed the party submitted several reports. The Government do not think that any useful purpose would be served by placing those reports on the table.

MR. V. K. VELAPPAN NAIR (*Vaikam*) : With reference to the answer to part (*d*), may I know the nature of the punishment meted out to the officer concerned ?

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